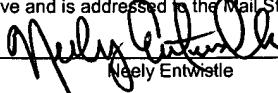


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**PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2004. A fee of \$225.00 for a small entity is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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